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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/997,693
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First Named Inventor	William P. Acker, et al.
Group Art Unit	1745
Examiner Name	Cantelmo, Gregg
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☐ Amendment and Remarks to Accompany Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Modified Form 1449/PTO
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

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2. Miscellaneous

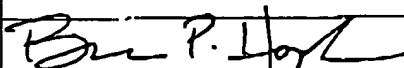
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.31(c)(2) to Withdraw from Issue After Payment of Issue Fee.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge all fees that are assessable in this application, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21535-001, Customer No.: 35437.
- i. ☒ RCE fee for \$395.00 for small entity required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition fee for \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Fee for \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for RCE fee.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Brian P. Hopkins	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,669
Signature		Date	July 6, 2005

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